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Bulletin

November 28, 2010

“First Sunday of Advent”

10:30 am

God’s Call and Our Commitment:
To be an authentic and accessible community in Christ,
celebrating and extending God’s love into the world.

We welcome the diversity of all God’s children.

SILENT MEDITATION

“The coming of the Lord is the coming of the new, not the renewal of the old. Our Advent is the celebration of this hope.” —Thomas Merton

*(Please complete the registration card found in the bulletin and place in the offering.
Prayers and comments may be written on the back of the card.)*

GATHERING

PRELUDE “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” (Held) -Carol Graham

GREETING

INTROIT “Wild and Lone the Prophets Voice” -Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord, we worship You with hearts of gratitude.
People: We thank You for the many ways You have blessed us.
Leader: We come to seek Your ongoing wisdom and guidance.
People: Lord, You are our Great Instructor.
Leader: You will lead us in the ways of peace.
People: You will lead us in the ways of justice.
Leader: We will walk with You through the valleys.
All: We will gather with You at the mountaintop.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” -UMH

203*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (Peace Candle)

First Reader: (Isaiah 2:4) “...they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.”

Second Reader: As we stand in the dawning light of Jesus’ birth, we await God’s ultimate promise. We await the Prince of Peace. In a world where families suffer because of domestic violence, we desperately need the hope of peace.

Third Reader: In a world where we send young men and women into danger to fight for freedom in a world rife with vengeance and hostility, we long for peaceful resolution.

First Reader: We light the Candle of Peace to recall God’s promise as revealed through the prophet Isaiah. We pray for the peace of God in all of our relationships. We ask for God’s help as we go forth as peacemakers.



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UNISON PRAYER

Loving God, we are preparing our hearts and our homes for celebration of Jesus' birth. Sometimes we allow crowded calendars, family stress and unreasonable expectations to take priority. We focus on the material instead of the spiritual. We need this time of prayer to quiet our minds. We need to inhale Your spirit of peace with each breath. Open our eyes to Your presence in all that we do, especially as we face the distractions of this time of year. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who came to the world as an innocent and humble baby. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Isaiah 2:1-5 (NRSV)*

-Beverly Johnston

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION *"People, Look East"*

-UMH 202

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Matthew 24:36-44 (NRSV)*

-Beverly Johnston

"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Rejoice, Rejoice Emmanuel"

-Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE MESSAGE

"Jesus: Teacher"

-Rev. George Hooper

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

"From Heaven High to Earth I Come" (Pachelbel)

-Carol Graham



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***Doxology** *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* -UMH 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,
whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

GOING FORTH

APPLYING THE WORD - *Sharing ways to respond to God’s work in our lives through our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness.*

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** *“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”* -UMH 213

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“From Heaven High”* (J.B. Bach) -Carol Graham

“Open Hearts...Open Minds...Open Doors”

Note: *Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candle written by Lyn Berry.

Flowers are given by Felix, Leila, Melody, Ryan and Ivan Fernandez in appreciation of the Praise Band and Chancel Choir and inspiring sermons from Pastor George.

*Flowers today are given by Betty Beck
in gratitude for this loving church.*



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